

1       1. A method of receiving messages comprising:  
2            receiving electronic mail messages;  
3            receiving telephonic messages; and  
4            displaying information about said electronic mail  
5 and telephonic messages together on a graphical user  
6 interface.

1                   2. The method of claim 1 further including  
2 identifying the source of the telephonic message.

1           3. The method of claim 2 further including handling  
2 the message differently based on the source of the  
3 telephonic message. *A*

1                  4. The method of claim 3 further including  
2 converting at least a portion of the telephonic message to  
3 text.

1           5. The method of claim 1 further including  
2 determining whether identifying information of the  
3 telephonic message matches a database of known callers.

1           6. The method of claim 5 further including  
2 determining whether a telephone message should be forwarded  
3 to another telephony device.

1           7. The method of claim 6 further including  
2 determining whether the message should be retained.

1           8. An article comprising a medium for storing  
2 instructions that cause a computer to:  
3           receive information about an electronic mail  
4 message;  
5           receive information about a telephonic message;  
6 and  
7           display information about said electronic mail and  
8 telephonic messages together on a graphical user interface.

1           9. A computer implemented method of handling  
2 telephonic messages comprising:  
3           identifying the source of the telephonic message;  
4           converting at least a portion of the telephonic  
5 message to text; and  
6           displaying said text in connection with a  
7 graphical user interface.

1           10. The method of claim 9 wherein displaying said text  
2 includes displaying text together with information about  
3 electronic mail messages on the same graphical user  
4 interface.

1        11. The method of claim 9 further including  
2 identifying the source of the message and handling the  
3 message differently depending on the source of the message.

1        12. An article comprising a medium for storing  
2 instructions that cause a computer to:  
3                identify the source of a telephonic message;  
4                convert at least a portion of the telephonic  
5 message to text; and  
6                display said text in connection with a graphical  
7 user interface.

1        13. A method of handling messages comprising:  
2                identifying the source of the message; and  
3                handling said message differently depending on the  
4 source of the message.

1        14. The method of claim 13 including receiving both  
2 telephonic and electronic mail messages.

1        15. The method of claim 14 including displaying said  
2 electronic mail and telephonic messages together on the same  
3 graphical user interface.

1        16. The method of claim 15 including converting at  
2 least a portion of a telephonic message to text and

3 displaying said text in connection with a graphical user  
4 interface.

1 17. The method of claim 13 wherein handling said  
2 message differently includes providing a different message  
3 based on the source of the call.

1 18. The method of claim 13 wherein handling said  
2 message differently includes determining whether to forward  
3 the call to a different telephony device based on the source  
4 of a call.

1 19. The method of claim 13 wherein handling said  
2 message differently includes determining the format for  
3 storing the message based on the identity of the source of  
4 the message.

1 20. An article comprising a medium for storing  
2 instructions that cause a computer to:  
3 identify the source of a telephonic message; and  
4 handle the message differently depending on the  
5 source of the message.

1 21. The article of claim 20 including instructions  
2 that cause a computer to receive both telephonic and  
3 electronic mail messages.

1        22. The article of claim 21 including instructions  
2        that cause a computer to display said electronic mail and  
3        telephonic messages together in a graphical user interface.

1        23. The article of claim 22 including instructions  
2        that cause a computer to convert at least a portion of a  
3        telephonic message to text and display said text in  
4        connection with a graphical user interface.

1        24. A system for handling messages comprising:  
2                a first device that identifies the source of a  
3        telephonic message;  
4                a second device that converts at least a portion  
5        of the message to text; and  
6                a third device that displays the text in  
7        connection with a graphical user interface.

1        25. A graphical user interface comprising:  
2                a first portion including an icon which identifies  
3        whether a message was received telephonically or by  
4        electronic mail;  
5                a second portion comprising information which  
6        identifies the source of the communication; and  
7                a third portion including the substance of at  
8        least a portion of the message.

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